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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 00/00097

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FOR: a-HALOGENATED ACID ESTERS WITH

POLYVALENT ALCOHOLS AS ATOM

TRANSFER RADICAL POLYMERIZATION

INITIATORS

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 09/889,640

35 USC 371 DATE: JULY 19, 2001

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is being filed in reply to the Office action mailed on April 3, 2003, the shortened statutory period for response to which is extended to expire on Monday August 4, 2003, by simultaneously filed petition.

No fee, petition, or certification is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.